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Photo by John Mark Painter
 Jenny Goforth, of Kings Mountain, released her first short album Feb. 1.

Jenny Goforth: KM singer's voice is 'real as rain'

Jenny Goforth, a Kings Mountain-bred singer/songwriter, just released her first EP (short album) on Feb. 1. Billboard, a music industry trade publication, states that Jenny has "a rich, rustic southern vocal imprint that's as real as rain."

"I've been working on my music career my whole life, and can't wait to share this music with my hometown," Goforth says.

She grew up in Kings Mountain singing in churches, school, and anywhere she could.

"I remember working at Grandpa's Store and singing for all the customers," Goforth said.

After graduating from Kings Mountain High, she moved to Nashville, Tenn., to attend college. With a music degree from Belmont University, she has been writing her own material and performing regularly in Nashville and the Southeast.

"I plan to do a lot more touring now that my EP has been released," says Goforth.

Her much anticipated debut EP "Running Red Lights", distributed by Bricktown Records, is the culmination of Goforth's sheer talent, hard work and perseverance. This four-song EP is a record that crosses genres - blues, country, rock, and even a little Motown. There is something for everyone.

The title track "Running Red Lights" is a fun up-tempo song that will also be Goforth's first music video, to be released this year. "Hurricane Jane" showcases her soulful vocals and harmonica skills, while "Show Me A Woman" and "Still Smiling" showcase her vulnerable side.

This record is about real life circumstances.

"My main goal for this recording was to stay true to me and create great, authentic music," says Goforth.

Dale Oliver, award-winning producer/songwriter, who produced the project and co-wrote two of the songs, understood the artistic integrity Jenny Goforth was going for.

"Jenny is a real artist, meaning she writes her own songs, plays instruments on her recordings and has a vibrant soulful voice. She takes it to the edge, but leaves you with a fresh sound that warms your spirit," says producer Dale Oliver.

Goforth's 2011 tour dates will be announced later this year.

"I'm very excited to get out on the road and play live for my fans. Music is in my bones; it's in my soul. I can't deny it, or contain it. Music moves me in every way," she says.

Jenny Goforth's EP, "Running Red Lights," is available for purchase exclusively at www.jennygoforth.com and will be released to iTunes and Amazon MP3 in March 2011. Find out more information at www.jennygoforth.com.



Zoned to (data) farm!

Council gives green light to rezone Countryside site

By ELIZABETH STEWART
 Staff writer

By vote of 4-0 Kings Mountain City Council last Tuesday gave the green light to Mann Associates to rezone 112 acres at Kings Crossing on S. Countryside and Patterson Road which paves the way for potential future commercial use as data farms.

Council took the recommendation of the city's planning board, saying that the result of the rezoning would be additional land zoned light industrial that is nearby and adjoins an existing industrial park and is also served by a major sewer outfall. Planning Director Steve Killian said there is logical future use of the property and public water is feasible once the waterline is extended along Countryside Road to the site.

Two Countryside residents spoke against the rezoning during a public hearing.

The area is known for its recent industrial development which trends on adjacent

industrial property, institutional (church) primarily and one house located nearby, according to the planning board statement which council approved unanimously.

Mayor pro tem Rodney Gordon presided in the absence of Mayor Rick Murphrey who was called to an emergency. Councilmen Rick Moore and Tommy Hawkins were in Raleigh for the opening of the N.C. General Assembly.

In other actions, the council:

- heard a quarterly update of activities of the Mountaineer Partnership by President Suzanne Amos who reported \$651,000 in grants and 61 new jobs in Kings Mountain over an 18-month period in a collaborative effort by the City of Kings Mountain and Mountaineer Partnership. She praised the effort of volunteers giving many man hours and the selection of Kings Mountain a year ago as a Main Street Community.
- okayed a budget amendment of \$46,264 from drug seizure funds and contributions to

the Kings Mountain Police Department for purchase of equipment.

- reappointed Sandra Murphrey to the ABC board with term expiring Jan. 31, 2014.
- approved four facade and inducement grants totaling \$27,723.15 (detailed in last week's Herald) and submitted a grant application to the NC Rural Economic Development Center for \$4,000 (detailed in last week's Herald)
- okayed non-charity Thursday night bass tournaments March 3-Oct. 29 at Moss Lake and a Saturday bass tournament for May 8 at 3 p.m.
- set Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. for a public hearing on request by Tommy Hall to rezone property at 103 Bessener City/Kings Mountain Highway from General Business to Residential Office.
- recognized Troop 39 Boy Scouts of Second Baptist Church and Pastor James Lochridge Jr.



photo by NIKI PAULSON
 Thomas D. Tindall Sr., above, stands before a "wall of memories" at Fairview Masonic Lodge 339 AF&AM which includes a recent plaque presented to him on his 90th birthday Saturday.

Birthday Bash!

Oldest Mason Thomas Tindall Sr. honored

by ELIZABETH STEWART
 staff writer

Thomas Dexter Tindall Sr., 90, celebrates life each day to the fullest.

Friends said Saturday at his big birthday party hosted by Fairview Masonic Lodge 339 AF&AM that obviously "Tommy" isn't ready for retirement, although he quit selling insurance a number of years ago.

A 33rd degree Mason, former Master, 25 year secretary, a lodge member since 1951 and Scottish Rite Shriner, he just last month packed up his lawnmower and stepped down from cutting the grass at the Lodge after 47 years. "I loved it but it's time," said Tindall.

"Tom's our oldest member

and very active in our Masonic family," said friend after friend who "roasted" the popular Kings Mountain man and presented plaques, one of which will hang in the Masonic Hall engraved with a long list of Tindall accomplishments.

"It was very humbling," said Tindall. In a poignant moment, he asked each Lodge "brother" to raise his hand as he accepted the accolades, then asked his wife of 63 years, Barbara, and their family to join him as well as Masonic brothers and Shriners. Not to omit anyone from the celebration, he asked all other brothers and sisters "in Christ" to raise their hands.

Tindall credits long life to loving the Lord, his devoted family and hard work.

His admonition that he "used to be timid" didn't jell with friends who spoke of his long service in the community since 1939 when he joined the church.

"Really, I was timid and God directed me to teach youth in the Sunday School at Kings Mountain Baptist Church and I became involved in a bus ministry," said Tindall. He taught a boys class for 30 years and in a Sunday morning bus ministry helped reach some 22 young people, asking other members of the church to "adopt" a child for a Sunday and he said that direction from God made all the difference in their lives.

Tindall's father was a track foreman for the Southern Railroad and as a teenager borrowed

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2 new schools in plan for KM

The Cleveland County Schools strategic plan calls for replacement of both Bethware and Grover Elementary Schools in the next 6-10 years with a current price tag of \$10.3 million, according to a 2010-2011 school facilities needs survey.

Assistant Superintendent John Yarbrow presented the report of the 2010-2011 facility needs study to the board of education last week.

The survey study calls for major improvements totaling \$38.9 million at six schools in the county in the next 6-10 years and \$3.8 million in improvements at North Shelby School, including replacement of obsolete facilities and an addition.

The CCS strategic plan call for replacement of obsolete facilities at Bethware, Elizabeth and Grover Schools, new auditoriums at Burns High and Crest High and a new intermediate school in the Crest school zone with a change in grade configuration and replacement of mobile units with building. New auditoriums are proposed at Crest High and Burns High Schools.

The school board also received listings of capital outlay projects completed in 2010 and those proposed at the various schools.

'Downtown is our postcard.'

Main Street conference offers solutions

By EMILY WEAVER
 Editor

"Can we change our future? Yes we can," it reads like a 2008 presidential campaign

speech. In the wake of shopping malls and strip centers, downtowns have been dying for years. But concerned citizens - with help from organizations like the North Carolina Main Street Center - have been resurrecting them one by one.

The underlying theme of a three-day annual NCMSC conference geared at getting communities back on track in a

sluggish economy spurred hope and a plan of action for downtown revitalization efforts. Hundreds of leaders throughout North Carolina came to hear it. And many rallied behind the call.

Mountaineer Partnership board members agreed that the conference was a great pep talk and left the Shelby event Friday inspired.

The City of Kings Moun-

tain was accepted into the elite program in 2009. Within a little more than a year of doing things the Main Street way, signs of new life have already sprouted in downtown.

Construction crews are shedding the dead skin of ghostly storefronts to show new life. Architects have been sketching out designs for new restaurants and office workers

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